

VODAFONE GROUP PUBLIC LTD CO
Form 6-K
May 10, 2005

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

**Pursuant to Rules 13a-16 or 15d-16 of
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Dated May 10, 2005

VODAFONE GROUP

PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

VODAFONE HOUSE, THE CONNECTION, NEWBURY, BERKSHIRE, RG14 2FN, ENGLAND

(Address of principal executive offices)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

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Yes _____

No ☒ _____

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10 May 2005

VODAFONE OMNITEL N.V.

The Board of directors of Vodafone Omnitel N.V. (Vodafone Italy) has approved a proposal to buy back issued and outstanding shares at a value of approximately 7.9 billion (£5.4 billion). If the proposal is approved by the shareholders of Vodafone Italy, participation in the buy back will be invited on a pro rata basis in two tranches, the first in June 2005 and the second expected to occur in October 2005. After the transaction is completed, Vodafone (Vodafone Group Plc) and Verizon (Verizon Communications, Inc) will continue to hold approximately 77% and 23% indirectly through their wholly-owned subsidiaries. It is anticipated that the buy back will be funded from currently available and forecast available cash of Vodafone Italy.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorised.

VODAFONE GROUP

PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
(Registrant)

Dated: May 10, 2005

By: /s/ S R SCOTT
Name: Stephen R. Scott
Title: Company Secretary